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Vision of the Angel With the Everlasting Gospel

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And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His Judgment Is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the foutnains of waters.—Rev. 14:6, 7.

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LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Dear Friends:

The word "Peace" is not often heard in these days of war, but we must remember the words of our Lord when He said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid."—John 14:27.

It is sometimes difficult to visualize "peace" just now, but we must have faith and know that God keeps His promises.

Even during the trials and tribulations which war brings we are praying and building toward the peace that is to come. The Missionaries of the **American-European Fellowship** continue working faithfully and even now are making plans for the rehabilitation of their broken-down stations and helping others to rebuild.

It is interesting to know that the **American-European Fellowship** was organized after World War I as a Relief Society, and then as time went on branched out to minister to the spiritual as well as the material needs of the people. With this experience we feel that the needs will be still greater this time, and we ask your help in this **great task.**

Please continue your gifts and be assured that in cases where communication cannot be made direct they will be sent by round-about-routes or held until contact can be re-established, thus insuring the safety of funds in **transmission to our** Missionaries. We are grateful for your faithfulness and want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you!" to those who have a share in our work. Your **old clothing** is still needed. Please send it to us so that when the time comes to ship it we will be ready.

I have enjoyed having Miss Jean Rhode in the office this week. She is a dear servant of the Lord, and is doing excellent work. Please remember her in your prayers. A gift sent to this office will reach her and will be appreciated. Speaking engagements in New York City, Brooklyn, Long Island, New Jersey and Philadelphia will be welcomed. Please write and let us know when you would like to have Miss Rhode speak to **your group.**

Instead of the usual hymn, I would like to share this little poem with you.

SWEET IS THE PROMISE

Sweet is the promise, "I will not forget thee;"
Nothing can molest or turn my soul away;
E'en though the night be dark within the valley,
Just beyond is shining an eternal day.

Trusting the promise, "I will not forget thee;"
Onward will I go with songs of joy and love;
Tho' earth despise me, tho' my friends forsake me,
I shall be remembered in my home above.

When at the golden portals I am standing,
All my tribulations, all my sorrows past,
How sweet to hear the blessed proclamation,
"Enter, faithful servant, welcome home at last!"

Charles H. Gabriel.

Please be assured of our daily prayers in your behalf. May the Lord bless you all. Sincerely yours,

Florence J. Mitchell.

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EDIFYING UNION CONFERENCE IN SOUTH AMERICA

Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 18.

Dear Friends:

I believe I mentioned in some of my previous letters that a few years ago at one of our annual business conferences it was decided, in addition to other means of work, to have special edifying union services every three months in our different Slavic centers. This method of work has proved to be very successful, and so it has been continued until the present time. The last one of these edifying union conferences took place in the city of Buenos Aires.

We usually ask some of our friends — pastors, Missionaries or other religious workers—to deliver the most important or main addresses at these services. This time we had with us two outstanding pastors from the Argentine Baptist Churches of Buenos Aires, namely, Dr. K. de la Torre and Rev. L. Pluis.

The service, as usual, was opened with singing, reading from the Word of God and prayer. Our Russian choir sang a special Gospel hymn, and then Dr. de la Torre read from the eighth chapter of Romans. When it came to his address, the chosen subject was, "We are more than conquerors" (verse 37). He spoke of many difficulties in the way of life of a Christian, which he has to face, even in this free land of Argentina. We are not persecuted from the outside, but in some places there are some serious difficulties inside the Church, apostacy, loving of this world, pleasure, etc.

We can overcome all these things only through Him Who loved us. Therefore, we must always abide in Him and He in us, in order that we may be victorious in our life on earth. Our enemy, the Devil, is walking about, "as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour!" Our brother certainly gave us a very helpful message, appreciated by the believers.

Pastor L. Pluis spoke on the subject, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). This was also a very edifying message for the believers, the appeal being for the Missionary effort, that every Christian everywhere and at every opportunity should testify for his Saviour, even as Jesus directed His apostles as He was about to leave them. The Russian choir sang very inspiringly after each message, both in Russian and in Spanish.

In the concluding word, which I myself delivered, my subject was, "Jehovah's Vineyard." The Scripture read was Isa. 5:1-7. The main thoughts were that we are also God's vineyard, here in Buenos Aires and elsewhere; he has placed us in a very fruitful hill, a peaceful place, where we enjoy freedom and quiet life. He has done for us also all that was described in the above verses, and now He expects us to "bring forth fruit." May God help us to do our best for Him, so that He may not be discouraged with us as He has surely been with Israel.

Some of us have made mistakes, just as the Israelites did. May the Lord help us instead to be faithful unto Him until death. God did for us His best. He loved us so that He gave His only begotten Son, and I appealed for a right response from every Christian. Then we prayed, thanking God for His great love and mercy to us and asking that these blessings be continued.

The Russian choir sang very beautifully the selected concert hymn by Bortniansky, the famous Russian poet, "Behold the King." May the Lord bless richly all that was sown in our weakness, and may His holy name be praised forever.

JOHN KOVALCHUK.

How Long Has Israel Been Suffering?

Jaffa—Tel Aviv, March 29—April 27, 1943.

Rev. Norman J. Smith
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Smith:

We are near the Easter time. The work in the Clinic is at full speed. Our patients are in a great hurry. As I said in one of my reports to the **American-European Fellowship**, the Clinic is located close to the Market. "Don't be in such a hurry!" we sometimes tell the Market patients. "Please understand that the Lord hath sent you to us that you may hear and know about Eternity, about the fate of your soul, and **also about the fate of the Jewish Nation.**

"Oh! The Jewish nation has a splendid future!" they retort.

"Listen!" we say to our patients: "How long has Israel been suffering? **Two thousand years!"** This is the topic of all our conversations.

And the whole time he is in a hurry. But this is our opportunity to witness to a Hebrew, and so from us:

"Cease to be in a hurry for a moment now, and listen! When was Christ rejected by Israel?—two thousand years ago. Do you see no coincidence between these two facts? And how long will Israel continue to suffer? You don't know? Then we will tell you; until Israel will accept Him Whom they rejected, but no sooner!"

"But how do you know this?"

"Oh, we know it for it is written in Israel's Bible, and in the New Testament." Then a New Testament is offered, and accepted by the listeners, and sometimes they themselves ask for a Bible and pay for it.

You know already, from our former reports, that in the past we have had weekly evangelization meetings on Saturday, in the hall of the Clinic (the waiting room). Now we have these meetings twice a week—on Saturday and Monday. The patients waiting for their turn in the Clinic and to see the doctor are there, of course, and usually listen to the address attentively. You should be present and watch their faces at that time. We are not wasting their time and ours with any philosophical things or mythological tales; we are telling them the truth! Many of them have just at the present time relatives (parents, children, husbands, other relatives) in Poland, Roumania, occupied Russia, etc., or they may have heard that some of these have suffered the threatened fate of death—a common topic of conversation in Palestine. And so they understand us. Two thousand years they have waited!

Today (March 29, Monday) Brother Ostrovski in addressing these patients and others gathered in the Clinic Hall told them about Joseph and his brethren and about Jesus and His brothers—people of Israel! The sufferings of Joseph's brethren, who sold and rejected Joseph, brought them back to Joseph. And the sufferings of Israel today will bring him back to his great brother—Jesus! There will come a day when Israel will "look upon Him Whom he has pierced," according to the prophet.

I say, you should have seen the faces of the listening patients! They were serious, very serious. From the depths of their hearts and consciences arose the feeling (maybe not entirely welcome or understood by them; yet there even if in perplexity) that there is a real connection between that which happened two thousand years ago and Israel's troubles of today! The Lord speaks; how can we remain silent? Yet all is being said out of a heart of love—in a sincere effort to bring the listeners to **repentance.**

We praise the Lord with all our hearts for this great and blessed opportunity which He gives us to testify before the "sick of Israel" about Jesus Christ! And then, too, the personal contacts with these Clinic patients are indeed very interesting. Here is an example:

To the Clinic came one day a man about 65 years old. In Russia he was a "feldsher" (a "feldsher" in Russia frequently had opportunity to do the work of the doctors). This man had worked for many years in a hospital in Moscow. But about ten or twelve years ago it was his fate to be sent as a convict to a prison in Moscow; then to another place at the White Sea—to Chabarovsk—where, being himself a convict, he labored in a clinic especially designated for convicts. After three years he was released and lived again in Moscow.

In 1937 his father (98 years old) died in Palestine, and our "feldsher" received a telegram to come to Palestine for a bequest. He came, but did not want to return to Russia. So now he is in Palestine, and he came once as a patient to our Clinic! But think! Moscow, White Sea, Chabarovsk, Palestine, and our Clinic! Do you know where to find the city of Chabarovsk on the Russian map? It is in the northeast corner of Siberia, very near to Alaska, and very far from Palestine!

But this "feldsher" is now in Palestine, and almost every day he attends our Clinic—not now as a patient, but as a "feldsher." The ways of God! They are not "our ways." He feels himself very lonely. His large family is in Russia. Among his children will be found an engineer and a professor—in Russia, of course. He came several times to the meetings in the Clinic Hall. And after one of these meetings, where the rejected Christ "hath evidently been set forth" before the Jewish audience, our 65-year-old medical friend from Chabarovsk said with emotion, "On khorosho skazal!" That means that the words which the preacher offered these children of Israel were good, correct!

For a Jew to say this about a message in a meeting to set forth Jesus Christ surely means something! We ask the readers of this magazine to pray continually for numerous contacts with souls like this one described here, both Jewish and not Jewish, that the two-thousand-year time of Israel's suffering and her rejection of Jesus Christ two thousand years ago may be repeatedly set forth in this Clinic Hall and elsewhere as the Jews again gather in the homeland, in the land where the chief priests, the scribes and the elders came to the palace of the High Priest named Caiaphas to consult for the slaying of the Son of God!

You know certainly from your newspapers that we have with us now many Poles who came here through Russia. With them came real Russians who had been living previously in Poland. How great a joy it was to meet among them a Russian brother. His joy was also great, for "he sought us out very diligently, and found us." When on leave he always attends our meetings—a joyful, bright Russian brother. But this is not all.

Other Russians, not believers, also from Poland, but who came recently direct from Russia, when they learned about us came to our meetings and attended the Clinic. On Wednesdays we have regular Russian meetings conducted in Russian. **"Russia in Palestine!"** Contacts, so many contacts! We often say to our unbelieving Russian friends:

"You are now far from your homes. You never dreamed at any time in the past that you would sometime be in Palestine, did you? Is it not God's way? Does He not desire that you should entirely belong to Him and in due time return to your old homes in Russia, to tell what He has done with your souls?"

Not long ago an attendant at one of our meetings told me the following story: On one of the boulevards of Tel-Aviv a large group of Jews talked and discussed very seriously the hard situation of the European Jews. There were many "Whys" and "How long will it go on so?" and "What is the cause of the sufferings and persecutions of the Jews?" and so on.

Then suddenly there stepped forward from the throng an old Jew, who said: "Listen! I will tell you the cause of our suffering. It is because of the transgressions which our fathers committed two thousand years ago!"

Everybody understood what this man meant. Is it not a significant fact? The conscience of Israel begins to awaken! What a wonderful day it will be (and the day is now approaching!) when the whole people of Israel will be converted. Christ will then immediately come. Indeed, He is already coming!

May the Lord when He comes say to every one of us: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord."

Yours in His Name. JAMES JUK.

We would like some day to reproduce this Missionary letter and our chosen notes and summary in tract form for large free distribution among the Israelites by our readers and others. It would be worth while to take advantage of their present circumstances and the awful trials of war to appeal again to the Jews to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

We have Christ's own words to the Israelites that they will not see Him again until they shall say, **"Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord."**—Matt. 23:39. Meanwhile they continue their effort to return again to the land of Palestine; their organizations having already reassumed ownership of an important portion of it. But here also stands that man of Europe with the proud boast that he has massacred over two million of the Hebrews and the assertion that his task will not be complete until he has slain the remaining millions of them.

It is in such a situation as this that His disciples were told by Jesus Christ that we may look for His return. How natural, then, that we should be looking for the sign of the Son of man in Heaven!

There lie before the readers of **The European Harvest Field** opportunities to aid Dr. Juk, Miss Haley and the Clinic at Jaffa-Tel Aviv in their ministry to all who are suffering physically. Meanwhile we are approaching the answer to the question of Dr. Juk: **"How long will Israel continue to suffer?"**

The Word of a Sincere Bible Scholar

"The Jews . . . have never seen clearly that the Old Testament teaches a double advent of Christ, one in humiliation to suffer and to die, and one in exaltation to reign and to accomplish all the predictions of glory and blessing written in the law and the prophets. A Christian who does not believe in the second coming of Christ is therefore wholly unfit to deal with the Jews.

"The true way to present the Gospel to the Jews is to show them the truth of the two advents in the Old Testament, and also how the New Testament looks forward to the second Coming of Christ and the establishment of the Kingdom. Then, of course, the great thing is to show them the need of the Saviour and the greatness of the sacrifice of the Cross, and how 'Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.' Read Paul's way in reaching the Jews and follow the same way."—From **How to Deal with the Jews,** by Dr. A. C. Gaebelein.

ISRAEL'S FUTURE

I Say, then, Hath God Cast Away His people?

Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.—Hab. 1:15. (Note—Verse 5 anticipates the dispersion "among the nations"—Deut. 28:64-67. While Israel is thus dispersed, Jehovah will "work a work" which Israel "will not believe." Acts 13:37-41 interprets this prediction of the redemptive work of Christ. It is significant that Paul quotes this to Jews of the dispersion in the synagogue at Antioch.)

Here it would be profitable to read **Ezekiel, chapter 36, the "Message to the mountains of Israel: the restoration predicted."** Note.—"A beautiful order is discernible in this and the succeeding prophecies: (1) Restoration of the land (36:1-15); (2) of the people (36:16-37:28); (3) judgment on Israel's enemies (38:1-39:24). Afterward follows that which concerns the worship of Jehovah that He may dwell amongst His people.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away the ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. —Romans 11:26, 27.

Summary: Israel, so named from the grandson of Abraham, was chosen for **a four-fold mission:** (1) To witness to the unity of God in the midst of universal idolatry (Deut. 6:4, with Isa. 43:10, 12); (2) to illustrate to the nations the blessedness of serving the true God (Deut. 33:26-29; 1 Chron. 17:20, 21; Psa. 144:15); (3) to receive, preserve and transmit the Scriptures (Deut. 4:5-8; Rom. 3:1, 2); (4) to produce, as to His humanity, the Messiah (Gen. 3:15; 12:3; 22:18; 28:10-14; 49:10; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Matt. 1:1; Rom. 1:3). According to the prophets, Israel, regathered from all nations, restored to her own land and converted, is yet to have her greatest earthly exaltation and glory.

And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed by armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.—Luke 21:20.

Note.—Verses 20, 24 are not included in the report of Christ's Olivet discourse as given by Matthew and Mark. The two sieges of Jerusalem are in view in that discourse. Luke 21:20, 24 refers to the siege by Titus, A.D. 70, when the city was taken and verse 24 literally fulfilled. But that siege and its horrors but adumbrate the final siege at the end of this age, in which the "great tribulation" culminates. At that time the city will be taken, but delivered by the glorious appearing of the Lord (Rev. 19:11-21). The references in Matt. 24:15-28; Mark 13:14-26 are to the final tribulation siege; Luke 21:20, 24 to the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus. In Luke the sign is the compassing of Jerusalem by armies (Luke 21:20); in Matthew (24:15) and Mark (13:14) the sign is the abomination in the holy place (2 Thes. 2:4). The "times of the Gentiles" began with the captivity of Judah under Nebuchadnezzar (2 Chron. 36:1-21), since which time Jerusalem has been under Gentile overlordship.

This is an example of the references, notes and summaries at every important point in **"The Scofield Reference Bible."** **"Helps at hard places,"** is putting the value of the Book lightly. We wish a copy might come into possession of all our readers and many thousands more who await the return of our Lord.—Editor.

Missionary Takes a New Field

My Dear Brother Smith:

The attached letter may be a surprise, and yet not so altogether. You will remember our talk together in Chicago as early as May, 1940, and our concern about getting into "the regions beyond," since that had been God's definite guidance right along. We were glad to be busy here, but over and over again the Lord indicated the foreign field.

Now we feel that we must "make the break." We are, of course, hesitant about leaving **The American-European Fellowship** family. We have enjoyed our fellowship and could go on, but the Lord has directed otherwise. We have not lost our love for the Albanians* and we shall be happy to hear of the reopening of that field after the war. We shall also be ever mindful of you faithful ones at the home base and shall continue to hold you up in prayer. Our new step will not be an easy one, and we shall appreciate your continued prayer interest. Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR W. KONRAD.

***Turning to a letter written by Brother Konrad in February, 1937, we quote: "If it is hard to win men and women for Christ in the homeland, it is much harder here (Albania). Nevertheless, it is His work and His Word, and we're going forth at His command. Is it hard, then, to trust Him for the results?" And in another issue of The European Harvest Field we have described Albania as "a land where the officials 'interpret' the freedom of religion to mean the prohibition of baptism and change of faith. The 80% Mohammedan popualtion is an appealing if difficult field. Do not withhold your prayers from these devoted Missionaries."**

After you have seen this much of the Albanian field and appreciated their faith and attitude toward it, surely you will pray for these Missionaries in faith in the new field about which they now write. Doubtless they would be in Albania still were it not for the "invitation" to move which followed the opening of the Second World War. Serious as our own needs are, we publish this letter in full, and pray for God's blessing on these friends.—Editor.

Rising Sun, Md.

Dear Friends:

We have just been informed of our appointment as Missionaries to Central America under the Central American Mission. Our application was a long-deliberated step, in which God led so plainly that we now have the assurance of His pleasure in it. The particular field of our service, for the immediate future at least, is to be Guatemala, the northern-most Republic of the Central American group.

The possibility of a return to Albania was one of the barriers that kept us from an earlier application. Doors to that country of our first Missionary endeavors may yet be reopened, but the Lord gave us no rest in waiting. Many of you have been praying with us concerning this step. Those of you who know us best have realized how difficult it was. Finally Deuteronomy 2:31 was the marching order—"I have begun to give . . . begin to possess."

Immediately ahead of us lies a huge challenge. Outfit and passage must now be secured, and the pledges of our first year's support ought to be in hand before we go (approximately $2000), yet the Lord has made the call so definite that we do not stumble at seeming impossibilities. Furthermore, this meeting of every need will be but another seal of His approval. In these days of retrenching and necessary waiting, we know many of God's children will welcome an opportunity of fellowship in this new undertaking.

We find it hard to think of leaving Grace Bible Chapel, where we have been laboring. The work is still small, but it has grown, and we have had the joy of seeing God extending its ministry in several directions. We shall find it still harder to leave the friends God has given us here, but these partings, and the new partings from our families, could scarcely be called sacrifices in the light of all He left for our sakes.

Will you make this new venture a matter of earnest, believing prayer? Should the Lord lay it on your hearts to help in the matter of making arrangements for meetings in which this new venture may be brought to the attention of other Christians, please communicate with us at once, at Rising Sun, Maryland. We shall keep you informed. For the next month, at least, or until you again hear from us, we shall continue at this address. Sincerely yours in Christ.

Arthur and Jean Konrad, Raymond and Grace.

Missionary in Europe's Center

Biel-Mett, Switzerland.
(Received Junt 30, 1943.)

Very Dear Friends:

It is a long time since I have last written to you. For some time I have felt that I ought to pen you a few lines. I often tried to place myself in the position of my friends, and the words of our Lord Jesus Christ came to mind:

> "Because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed.—John 20:29."

How joyful it must be to support Missionaries and the work of the Lord when there flows a steady stream of news of blessed contacts and gracious awakenings and great results! Prayers just rise and gifts flow, and because of what we see and hear and read about, we help and gladly sacrifice. But how difficult it must be to get only an occasional report, and even then find the lines are not packed full of news of every kind, but must of necessity be only general in their purport.

In such trying days the friends of the Missionary may be tempted and tested in their faith. At such a time it will be infallibly revealed how deep and sincere our faith and love for Missions are. How great the encouragement for the workers on the field to know that friends still pray, still love and still give! It must be now only because of the simple fact that the whole work of the Lord is a work of **faith** and because of faith a work of simple **obedience.**

We dare not ask all the many questions of the tempter. For us it is still, as always: **"Here am I; send me."** We will say: **"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"** It so often occurs to us how God has blessed you with this rare gift of faith, for you have continued since the year 1925 to bear us up and remember us in prayer, and in the mean time some **seventeen years** have passed of this real fellowship. How often friends are forgotten soon after they have left the warm circle of intimate fellowship! How we do thank God for you all who have been true and steadfast for so many years, although you have never had the privilege of seeing us personally and face to face in the meanwhile!

In regard to our former mission field we cannot say much. Letters come in regularly, but the contents of these letters are more or less strictly personal or of a general nature, from which one fails to conceive a clear picture of what they would like to convey and we would desire to understand. It is as though a great curtain is between them and us. Censorship and war conditions are responsible for this. Nevertheless, we know that the good old Gospel is being preached faithfully and even under the most trying circumstances. We know, too, that some are saved in places that were barren for many years during prewar peace times. Whether curtains or high Jericho walls be between them and us, we are one in Christ and feel assured that prayer is breaking through the human walls and reaching the throne of God in intercession!

The many wounded, dying, hopeless, sorrowing and suffering are ever before us and objects of our prayers. Do not forget the children, young people, the old people and the unfortunate shut-ins!

If this letter is to be a sort of annual retrospection, we may be reminded of Matt. 13:7-8: **"Some fell among thorns . . . but other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundred fold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold."**

The happiest work we could do through all the year was always the Bible course for young people every spring. Then we would gather some twenty or more young folks together, most all of whom would leave the place of teaching as saved and professing Christians. But it was also true that in the hundreds of meetings of every kind, among children, boys, young people, we have seen that the good hand of God has rested upon the testimony.

In spite of unexpected hard ground and labor that often seemed to be all in vain, we have seen how one and then another came out and accepted the Gospel and from their own desire stayed through the meetings in their Bible and prayer hours. Indeed it is **His** work! On the fly leaf of my Bible I have pasted a verse that is surely a comfort in dark days:

"Your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

From week to week the Lord has given us a ministry among the ill, in hospitals, asylums, in homes, in some twenty villages and towns. Many of these are without any Gospel testimony or pastoral work.

Now you know that in your own country, as well as in ours, a large majority of the people never darken the doors of a church, chapel or mission. This has been the challenge to hundreds of thousands of true Christians and Christian workers everywhere. How shall we reach them? Tens of thousands are constantly on the way, going to and fro. How shall we get the Word to them? Many are enemies of the church and all religious systems, but perhaps not of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Himself. How shall these be reached? There are also shut-ins unable to attend any services at any hour. For these particularly responsible men and women have started the testimony of the printed page. One-leaf, two-leaf tracts, and pamphlets for more interested folks have been published. In Poland we have, I suppose, published more than a million of these Gospel testimonies. Here and there during the past year we have printed some nine or ten thousand tracts and pamphlets. They bear such titles as the following:

"Do not swear, please!" "The danger of religion without Christ." "Victory!" "What does God want?" "There must be a change!" "The Greatest Revolution."

It is not only to our own people, but to foreigners, that we have been able to bring a message from God. This great war has brought tens of thousands of refugees, soldiers of various nations, into our land. Things have happened that many a prophet could not have foretold. Of course, there was no adequate religious literature on hand in the various languages of these people. Often not a Gospel nor a New Testament could be found anywhere to meet the need in the required language. But within a few weeks we were able to meet these pressing demands. Polish Testaments, many hundreds of Gospels and some 30,000 Gospel tracts were especially printed and are still being used. We thought of the Word: **"Write the vision, and make it plain upon the tables, that he may run that readeth it."**

Since the outbreak of the war nearly 800 German New Testaments have been distributed. Of late, some 200 Russian New Testaments were received from England at the very hour that those great operations were going on in Northern Africa. A hundred Polish New Testaments were acknowledged only the other day. The Gospels in Bulgarian I have not even numbered as I passed them on to that land.

There are not only the blessed experiences gained while passing out the Gospel literature, but many true helpers have a watchful eye open for the collection of the once-read Scriptures and Gospel literature. Faithful Christians get unnumbered best of the "wheat" and after reading it themselves, send the packages on to me. Everything is sorted according to the Word: **"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."**

Many thousands of good magazines and Gospel pamphlets have been making their rounds the second time. This is cause for further prayer and thanksgiving!

Now, a few words about our personal well-being. We can actually recount unnumbered occasions of God's special blessings to us in the course of these past years. His Name be praised! I suppose it is known to you that we have six children. Mrs. Stettler and myself are always busy, and any one who comes to see us finds work immediately. We have been doing our own planting, and needed not to buy any of the vegetables. The Lord has been mindful of us and has blessed these efforts, too. As nearly everything is rationed here, this is a very important item.

Please be mindful also that eighty or perhaps more orphans have been looking to us for monthly help to be passed on to them. These were in our former Mission field, and so remain quite close to our hearts. As we are in a land considered to be really free and as having liberty, some ten or more Missionaries in various lands have from time to time managed to get letters through to us, expecting now and then help in their great needs.

To every one of you who have been remembering us in one way or another we want to express our true thanks. Trusting that you will not become weary or tired in well doing, we greet you in Christ, and wish you the peace of God in heart and mind until the great revelation of Jesus Christ.

FRED AND MARTHA STETTLER.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Your letter of June 2, with enclosed check, just received. We thank you very heartily. I am so glad to know that the $10 has been contributed for Brother W. Kobak. He will be thankful that some one has become interested in his work in Uruguay. May the Lord bless that donor richly. We will see to it that Brother Kobak receives this money at the first opportunity. As usual, the winter here is giving us some very damp weather, and Mrs. Kovalchuk often feels so badly. I hope our friends will be in prayer for her. Thank you. Sincerely.

JOHN KOVALCHUK.

They Deserve Your Prayers and Help

What a privilege these Missionaries have had in all the past seventeen years, of continually reaching out a full hand to those in need. Now it is the Gospel, then a tract, then a spoken message, leading classes for the unconverted, and then after the war came on and so many doors were closed and the physical needs became greater, Fred Stettler has received with one hand and passed out with the other—food, clothing, funds, shelter, literature, and the same Gospel of Christ. The "unnumbered occasions of God's blessings" are easily accounted for, and we must pray that his opportunities to attend to the wants of others may continue as long as there is any poor suffering one in need. Thus we may trust God to supply their own needs and to see that the reserve chest has always a supply from which to liberally meet these appeals from many in the war zones.—Editor.

With the most awful war of all time facing us day after day, and the conviction of many that this may be the end of all wars, and that the Son of God will soon return to the earth according to His promises recorded in the Holy Word, it is difficult to grasp the state of mind of the Jew. He looks upon himself as God's chosen, he retains much of the Tabernacle form of worship handed down to him from Old Testament times, he claims to be faithful to the God and religion of his forefathers. Is he ready (or are we, for that matter) for the return of the Son of God—the one slain at the behest of the Israelitish rulers at Jerusalem, in April, A.D. 30, after they had consulted how they might take Him by subtlety and kill Him, and after they had conspired with Judas for His betrayal to the chief priests and captains in return for thirty pieces of silver?

One of the great problems discussed among the peoples of this world has been the final state of mind and body and soul of the Israelites, the one nationality still continuing out of the times of the Old Testament. They are often spoken of as "God's own people," and they look back upon and still claim as their own so much that the prophets of God gave out concerning them, and yet how true it is that they have rejected the Son of God and stand after all these centuries where they stood when He was here upon the earth.

The letter in this issue which has come to us from Dr. Juk, our medical Missionary at Jaffa-Tel Aviv, in which he recites how he has been facing the Jews in these times with the question, "How long will Israel continue to suffer?" puts quite clearly before us the mind of him who still continue to reject the Son of God. We invite its reading in the spirit of prayer.

"In Some Future Issue"

We have in store for our readers in some forthcoming two or three issues the story **"Escape From Poland,"** by our Missionary Karl Faulkner (Bible Institute of Los Angeles, 1937) and in the same year entering Poland under the auspices of the **American-European Fellowship.** You will find interest in **"Perched on a suit case between two countries," "A Ghetto where 250,000 Jews lived, ten to a room," "Bible truths told from a Jewish angle," "By faith Abraham," "Called a Baptist Jew," "For a Gentile to work among Jews—unheard of!"** and other topics of interest.

ANOTHER PALESTINE LETTER

Dear Mr. Smith: Tel-Aviv, Palestine, June 5.

Thank you for my cabled allowance, which came yesterday. I appreciate every prayer and considerate thought from my dear Christian friends in America! I feel the power of prayer in my life here. Be sure, dear ones, that when you pray I need it! Lately I have been discouraged over some things, but suddenly the clouds have lifted and the darkness is gone! Surely the Lord is good to give me a group of friends who tell Him about me.

You knew, of course, of my illness. I was prayed for very especially on March 13, and from then on until May 13 I gradually got better. All the pain in my heart disappeared on May 13. Many dear Christians prayed for me daily! Praise Him. Now I am able to do more than at any time since coming here.

A Bible class has been started for Jews. A group of Christian soldiers from every denomination is helping me. I live in Jaffa at present—an old Arab city. Now it is important that I should move to Tel-Aviv in order to be nearer to my Jewish boys and girls. They must travel a long way on their only free day to get to me. The rents are so very high, and must be paid for a year in advance. The cheapest place will cost at least $500 a year. And there are no rooms to be had.

We may as well say that we are a band of Christians who are looking to our God to do the impossible! If you could have been one of our number, or with us in some way (you know—only behind the door or in some secluded spot) last Saturday, and could have heard these young Jewish boys and girls testifying to what Jesus means to them, and also if you could only have seen the joy on the young soldiers' faces as they told what Jesus is doing for them!

Now all of my friends here want to have meetings more frequently, and our great need is for a home. Last week twenty-five persons came to our meeting.

You will be glad to know that I have been receiving tracts through a young woman friend who was at Moody Bible Institute when I was there. Please pray for her healing. She has a lung infection.

The American Bible College of New York is responsible for sending tracts through the London Scripture Gift Society. These are the best written tracts in both Hebrew and Arabic, so the Moslems and Jews have said. The people often ask me for a book in one of these languages. I heard the man who was responsible for my being saved from drowning a few years ago tell some people that I am "the lady of the Book." He speaks only Arabic, and is a Moslem.

A young Jewish scholar asks for and reads every copy of "Our Hope," Dr. Gaebelein's magazine. He enjoys them very much.

The European Harvest Field has now come regularly for at least a year. Letters are very slow in getting to me these days. It is always good to see the American nurses and soldiers here! They belong to us, you know. I trust you are well. Sincerely in Him.

JANE T. HALEY.

We plead also for your prayers in behalf of the Missionary tracts which we have found so helpful in spreading the Gospel and for which we are continually being asked. Five of these are Jewish (appropriately mentioned in this issue of the magazine). There are also **"Philip Manetz' Labors," "The Albanian Mission," "Albania's Need,"** Miss Rhode's story, **"Dancing Feet and an Aching Heart"**; and **"How to Become a Christian."** How we would like to add the new one, **"Dr. Juk's Question to the Israelite."**

Prayers and Tracts For Israel

Dear Praying Friends:

It has been a long time since you have heard from me, but I know that some of you have been faithful in prayer, for the Lord has been supplying all my needs and blessing in the work here in Portland. I have been attending College this past winter as well as trying to build up a work among the Jews here.

The Lord has enabled us to get out several thousands of tracts to the Jews here in Portland but it has been very hard to contact them personally because everyone is too busy to talk. But the Lord has given some contacts. One young fellow took a Bible to read but with the words "You can't convert me, I am orthodox. You may convert some of the modern Jews but not me." He was right. We can't convert him but the Lord can as we faithfully give out His Word and trust Him to use it. Please pray for the Bibles and tracts as they go out. Unless the Holy Spirit uses them they are just bits of paper with some printing on them.

I was able to contact some of the students in our schools thru the mails. One batch of letters was returned, refused. I sent them back again but in small numbers and received a card from one of the fellows asking for a New Testament. His card was an indictment of all of us. He said, "I would be grateful to you for a copy of the New Testament. I am curious about religion but ignorant of it." Curious but ignorant for no one had ever taken the time to speak to him about God, Christ and the salvation that is ours thru the Jewish Messiah. I wonder if there will be some accusing fingers pointing at us when the judgment comes? I wish you would pray for two of these boys who wrote asking for Testaments.

We also get the other type of cards asking us to please remove their name from our mailing list at once and expressing their desire that we leave them alone. They, too, need our prayers for Israel seems to be doubly blinded—the blindness of the natural mind and also the veil of Moses over their eyes as they read the Old Testament.

What we need most is a group of real prayer warriors back of us. Not only for our work in Portland, but for Miss Rhode in St. Petersburg and for all the workers among the Jews. I have spoken to several Gentiles lately about Christ and they all say they are too busy and must wait to make their decision. If Gentiles are like that, how much harder the Jews are! So pray that the Lord will direct, will work on their minds and hearts and use His Word to convict and convert them. May the Lord bless all of you. Don't forget to pray for us and for Israel and for the ones we left behind in Europe. They especially need your prayers today. Remember Heb. 13:3 as you pray for them. In Christ—

Karl Faulkner.

FROM THE HEART OF AFRICA!

March 17, 1943.
Received June 16, 1943.

Dear Brother Smith:

Your very kind letter of January 21st has arrived. It was very good of you to take the time from your busy work to write me and I appreciate what you say also about my long vision.

Recently one morning when I got my clothes on, I stood up and stretched my long arms up to the ceiling and said, "There are two kinds of sunshine. One is the sunshine of the natural that is over this earth and makes it what it is. It would be dark and frozen up in a very little while if the sun were blotted out of the heavens. The other is the sunshine in the soul." Mrs. Branch of Long Island, who wrote to you, when just a little child sang, "Oh! there's sunshine in my soul." During these months of "black-out," dark as it has been about me, Jesus has been more precious than ever before and His light has illumined my soul.

I will be writing you something for the magazine soon. Kind regards to Miss Mitchell and the other office workers.

Yours in Christian love and fellowship.

Frank A. McGaw.

Jewish Missionary on Furlough

After many years of faithful service on the Mission Fields, the Lord has granted a "furlough" to Miss Jean Rhode. We are sorry to say that she is under the doctor's care, and that he has advised her now to come North where the cooler weather will help her, and where she will receive additional treatment. Of course, we must continue her support, praying meanwhile for her complete recovery and return to her post of Missionary service in the South.

This furlough will not, however, be regarded as strictly a vacation, for even in the short time Miss Rhode has been north she has attended several meetings and is praying for speaking engagements. This week she is attending a Jewish Christian Conference at Stony Brook, Long Island.

Jean Rhode Would Like Your Prayers

"It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.—Jer. 10:23.

Trust the Lord with **all** thy heart . . . He shall direct thy paths."—Prov. 3:5, 6.

Dear Friend:

After committing my way to God and with others looking to Him for directions in regard to a change, as suggested by the doctor, I find myself in New York City. I do want to thank the Lord for a safe and pleasant journey and for the good friends who have stood by me with prayers and gifts. May God bless them abundantly!

What multitudes one finds in this city! What rushing to and fro! What traffic! It thunders by ceaselessly. Among the hurrying throngs hundreds of Jewish souls pass one every few minutes. There are now 2½ millions of the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" in and around greater New York. My heart is burdened for them.

On my first day here I heard a young Jewish woman give testimony of God's work of grace in her heart. She is a credit to her Saviour. Pray for her ministry in the Bronx.

Several days later I saw two men offer New Testaments free to passing Jews at Fifth Avenue and 23rd Street. I was told that a break in the attitude toward its teaching had come about a year ago and that during several hours distribution some three hundred of the Testaments had been accepted. It was a great sight to see young men and women, singly and in twos and threes, walk down the streets examining the precious books.

Then it is a great treat and privilege to consult and fellowship with our dear Assistant Secretary, Miss Mitchell. She is a busy but most gracious lady—receiving letters, telephone messages and orders and callers—sometimes answering two at once. Surely the Lord has placed her in a strategic position. In order that she be kept strong, steady and guided by the Spirit of the Lord, let us seek His favor in her behalf. She needs us as we need her. The Missionaries abroad and at home, the office work with all its detail and business management of **The European Harvest Field,** are largely in her care. God richly bless our dear Florence.

There have been some opportunities to speak to Jewish people concerning eternal verities and to distribute literature among them here in New York. It is my earnest desire to be able to do some deputation work before long. Please pray with me about this important phase of our **ministry.**

Thank you many times for all you have done and are doing. God abundantly reward each of you, dear helpers! Sincerely yours,

Jean Rhode.

RECEIPTS OF THE AMERICAN EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP

27651	$10.00	27722	1.00
27652	40.00	27723	10.00
27653	1.00	27724	2.25
27654	5.00	27725	5.00
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27656	4.00	27727	1.00
27657	2.25	27728	2.00
27658	1.00	27729	2.00
27659	10.00	27730	1.00
27660	1.00	27731	1.86
27661	2.00	27732	5.00
27662	2.00	27733	5.00
27663	6.00	27734	1.00
27664	3.00	27735	50.00
27665	2.00	27736	4.00
27666	20.00	27737	3.00
27667	30.00	27738	50.00
27668	15.00	27739	10.00
27669	3.00	27740	10.00
27670	15.00	27741	10.00
27671	100.00	27742	25.00
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27680	3.00	27751	75.00
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27701	5.00	27772	5.00
27702	9.00	27773	10.00
27703	20.00	27774	1.50
27704	16.00	27775	2.25
27705	11.40	27776	10.00
27706	5.00	27777	10.00
27707	5.00	27778	10.00
27708	11.00	27779	2.00
27709	5.00	27780	.50
27710	75.00	27781	10.00
27711	1.00	27782	50.00
27712	3.00	27783	$20.00
27713	2.00	27784	10.00
27714	50.00	27785	10.00
27715	3.50	27786	25.00
27716	11.00	27787	50.00
27717	$20.00	27788	50.00
27718	3.00	27789	55.00
27719	2.25	27790	65.00
27720	10.00	27721	5.00

July 17, 1943.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

You may announce in **The European Harvest Field** that this evening at 9 o'clock Jelal Gusmar of East Pittsburgh, Pa., and Minerva Omar of 92 Orchard Street, New York, N. Y., two of our Moslem Albanian young people were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by me at the home of the bride, before a large group of Moslem witnesses. The bride was in my Bible class. Let us ask for God's blessing on this new home. Mrs. Kennedy joins me in greetings. Sincerely,

Phineas B. Kennedy.